

May to unveil ‘groundbreaking’ step in fighting anti-Semitism

By **Daily Telegraph Reporter**

HATRED towards Jews will be “called out” with the introduction of an official definition of anti-Semitism, Theresa May will say today.

Adopting an internationally backed charity’s analysis of what constitutes abuse is a “groundbreaking step” in the fight to tackle rising anti-Jewish attacks, the Prime Minister will say.

She will praise Israel for guaranteeing the rights of “people of all religions, races and sexualities” and say the Jew-

ish state wants to “enable everyone to flourish”. She is due to say: “Our aim in Britain is the same: to create a better, fairer society, helping everyone to reach as far as their talents will allow.

“It is unacceptable that there is anti-Semitism in this country. It is even worse that incidents are reportedly on the rise.

“As a government, we are making a real difference, and adopting this measure is a groundbreaking step. It means there will be one definition of anti-Semitism – in essence, language

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or behaviour that displays hatred towards Jews because they are Jews – and anyone guilty of that will be called out on it.”

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), an inter-governmental organisation backed by

31 countries, agreed a definition in May that it hopes will become widely adopted globally.

It states: “Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews.

“Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

Police already use a version of the definition but it will now be used also

by councils, universities and other public bodies.

Earlier this month, Labour’s Luciana Berger called for more victims to stand up to online bullies after a serial troll was found guilty of harassing her in a string of anti-Jewish rants.

The Labour Party has also been hit by accusations it has failed to tackle anti-Semitism in its ranks. A report on the claims by Shami Chakrabarti, the former director of the civil liberties organisation, Liberty, was denounced as a “whitewash” by Jewish groups, and

there was further controversy when Jeremy Corbyn made her a life peer.

Sajid Javid, the Communities Secretary, said: “Anti-Semitism must be understood for what it is – an attack on the identity of people who live, contribute and are valued in our society.

“There can be no excuses for anti-Semitism or any other form of racism or prejudice. Crimes must always be reported, and the law enforced, but we also want to create an environment that prevents hate crime from happening in the first place.”

Stop having a go at PM’s trousers and get on with job, Morgan told

Remain-backing former minister accused of taking ‘side-swipe’ at Brexit after row with May’s senior aide

By **Peter Dominiczak**
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NICKY MORGAN has been warned by her constituency association to “get on with her job as an MP” after becoming embroiled in a row with Theresa May’s most senior aide over the cost of the Prime Minister’s trousers.

Mrs Morgan, the former education secretary who is campaigning for a “soft Brexit”, is understood to have been banned from No 10 after publicly criticising the Prime Minister’s decision to wear £995 leather trousers designed by Amanda Wakely during a photo shoot for an interview.

Fiona Hill, one of Mrs May’s joint chiefs of staff, demanded that Mrs Morgan was not brought to a Downing Street meeting about Brexit.

Text messages obtained by the *Mail on Sunday* show that Ms Hill messaged Alistair Burt, who was also due to attend the meeting, to tell him: “Don’t bring that woman to No 10 again.”

Mrs Morgan, however, found out about the message and replied: “If you don’t like something I have said or done, please tell me directly. No man brings me to any meeting. Your team invites me. If you don’t want my views in future meetings you need to tell them.” Ms Hill replied: “Well, he just did. So there!”

However, local Conservatives in Mrs Morgan’s constituency, which voted Leave in the EU referendum, hit out at the former Cabinet minister yesterday over her decision to take “side-swipes” at the Prime Minister over Brexit.

Adam Stares, the deputy chairman of Loughborough Conservatives, told the BBC’s *Sunday Politics* programme: “I have no idea what she’s [Nicky Morgan] playing at. I think she just needs to get on with her job as an MP which she does very well and support the Government.

“Nicky has promised me and the rest of our Conservative Association that she will be voting for Article 50 and she will support the Prime Minister’s time-

War of words The phone messages

◆ **‘Don’t bring that woman to No 10 again.’ Sat 3 Dec: What Fiona Hill sent to Alistair Burt, the Tory MP, referring to Nicky Morgan, below, after the former minister criticised Theresa May’s £995 trousers.**

◆ **‘If you don’t like something I have said or done, please tell me directly. No man brings me to any meeting. Your team invites me. If you don’t want my views in future meetings you need to tell them.’**

Sun 4 Dec: Mrs Morgan’s reply to Ms Hill.

◆ **‘Well, he just did. So there!’ Ten minutes later: Ms Hill’s reply to Mrs Morgan, thought to be referring to Mr Burt who took her to the meeting.**



table and we’ve just got to trust that.” He added: “There’s a lot of people who think she’s taking side-swipes at the Government and at Theresa May.”

Mrs Morgan said being a backbencher at a time of “weak” opposition meant she had a duty to scrutinise the Government over Brexit.

In a pre-recorded interview, the Remain campaigner, standing in front of a framed portrait of Mrs May, told the programme: “Nobody comes into politics to be a thorn in their party leader’s side. But, at the end of the day, it is such a massive issue that if you don’t stand up for what you believe in I’m not sure what the point is of going into politics.”

Kenneth Clarke, the former chancellor, said it was “tedious” that stories about what women politicians were wearing featured in the newspapers.

“I feel sorry for women in politics,”

‘I have no idea what she’s playing at. I think she just needs to get on with her job as an MP’

he said. “I’m glad to say men in politics don’t have great news stories about what they are wearing. In my case, apart from my suede shoes, I’m probably very lucky because I’m not a very snappy dresser.

“Nicky and Theresa, I hope, will have some serious political discussions. If they want to have an argument about what they are wearing, I think all their closest friends would advise them to keep that private.” He added: “This low-level stuff is filling a vacuum before serious discussion starts.”

Mrs Morgan had expressed doubts about the fashion choice, insisting: “My barometer is always: ‘How am I going to explain this in Loughborough market?’”

She said the trousers had been “noticed and discussed” in Tory circles.

The MP said: “I don’t have leather trousers. I don’t think I’ve ever spent that much on anything apart from my wedding dress.”

Mrs May had responded to the furore by insisting that it did not mean she was out of touch with ordinary people.

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DAVID HARTLEY

Theresa May, pictured with husband Philip arriving at church yesterday, was criticised by Nicky Morgan for her £995 leather trousers

A woman of substance The PM’s protector

Fiona Hill and Nick Timothy, the Prime Minister’s joint chiefs of staff, have been her closest political allies since she served as Home Secretary.

Ms Hill has in recent days faced criticism after details emerged about her dispute with Nicky Morgan, the former education secretary, after she criticised the cost of the Prime Minister’s leather trousers.

It should be noted that Ms Hill’s style – described as “abrasive” by former



colleagues – first helped Theresa May become the longest-serving home secretary for 50 years and then become Prime Minister unopposed in the wake of the EU referendum.

Ms Hill employs a brand of political ruthlessness that has served Mrs May well. She has never backed down when she felt her boss was being threatened and had to resign as her special adviser in 2014 after a briefing war broke out when Michael Gove, then justice secretary, criticised Mrs May over her policies on extremism.

EU migrants who arrive after Article 50 should not stay permanently, says report

By **Peter Dominiczak**

ANY EU citizen who arrives in Britain after Theresa May triggers Article 50 but before Brexit is completed should not be allowed to stay permanently, an inquiry concludes today.

Amid growing fears of a “surge” of EU migrants travelling to the UK to take advantage of an expected amnesty, a report by British Future, an independent think tank, calls for a “cut-off date” to ensure people do not assume they will be able to stay after Brexit. The inquiry panel, which includes

Remain and Leave MPs, calls for the three million EU migrants already in Britain to be given an amnesty and offered permanent residence with the same health, social and educational rights as British citizens.

The Prime Minister has so far refused to guarantee the rights of EU citizens already in the UK, insisting that she will not do so until she has agreement from European leaders that they will do the same for the about 1.2 million British nationals living in other EU countries.

Today’s report states that using the

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date at which Article 50 is triggered as the cut-off point would be fair and legal and not lead to a surge in migration.

Gisela Stuart, a Leave campaigner and Labour MP who was chairman of the inquiry, said: “We determined that the triggering of Article 50 should be the cut-off date, after which EU citizens

moving to the UK would not be entitled to stay permanently after Brexit.

“This would limit any ‘pull factor’ for EU citizens not already in the UK. Britain should make clear at the start of the Brexit negotiations that EU citizens already here before that date can stay.

“This would send a clear signal about the kind of country the UK will be after Brexit and the relationship we want with Europe.

“We should expect reciprocal deals for Britons living in European countries, but Britain should make the first move to demonstrate goodwill.”

Three per cent of European citizens living in Britain are unemployed, with 51 per cent classed as employees, 9 per cent self-employed, 4 per cent students and 7 per cent retired, while 17 per cent are children, according to the report.

More than a quarter of the food and drink manufacturing workforce and about 15 per cent of academics are from other EU countries, it added.

The panel called for the permanent residence system, which is underpinned by EU law, to be converted into the indefinite leave to remain status available to international migrants liv-

ing in the UK. But the complex and expensive process should be streamlined and costs capped, it said.

Seamus Nevin, of the Institute of Directors, said: “Businesses throughout the UK are very clear that confirming the status of EU migrants resident here is the right thing to do.

“Ending this worry and uncertainty, both swiftly and fairly, is not only the humane thing to do, it is also essential to avoid major disruptions to workforce planning and business development if British companies are to be able to prepare to succeed in life outside the EU.”

Boris says Saudi relations are ‘as close as they have ever been’

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Saudi Arabia, Iran and others of “moving in and puppeteering and playing proxy wars” in the Middle East.

The Foreign Secretary yesterday said relations with the Gulf Kingdom were “as close today as they have ever been” and that the country “matters deeply to us in the UK and it matters to our security”. During meetings with King Salman and others, Mr Johnson discussed the wars in Syria and Yemen.

He said Bashar al-Assad faces a pyrrhic victory in driving rebels from the ruins of Aleppo and called on the Kremlin to bring the Syrian dictator to the negotiating table. “There has got to be a political solution. Those who have the best interests of Syria at heart, those who have influence on Assad, I am thinking particularly of people in Moscow, have got to lean on him to do that,” said Mr Johnson.

He also said he had a “deep concern”

for the suffering of people in Yemen, where a Saudi-led coalition is fighting Iranian-backed Houthi rebels.

He said civilians were in a “dreadful” situation.

The Saudi coalition began a military campaign in March 2015 to prevent the Houthi movement from taking control of Yemen. More than 10,000 people have died in the conflict, half of them civilians, and fighting has unleashed a humanitarian crisis. British military advisers are helping the Saudi-led air campaign.

Mr Johnson said he understood Saudi Arabia faced a grave threat on its southern border and it was “intolerable” that the kingdom was at risk from ballistic missiles from inside Yemen.

It is unusual for foreign ministers to be granted an audience with the Saudi king, though sources said the honour had been given to British foreign secretaries in the past.

Fighting spirit Four top-secret F-15SA Silent Eagle stealth fighter jets arrive from the US at an RAF base in Suffolk for delivery to the Royal Saudi Air Force. Saudi Arabia ordered 84 new F-15SAs.



Fresh legal Brexit challenge to keep UK in single market

THE Government faces a second legal challenge over Brexit this week as campaigners have instructed lawyers to begin fresh action over whether leaving the EU means automatic withdrawal from the single market.

The British Influence think tank wants a judicial review of the Government’s legal position on membership of the wider European Economic Area (EEA) which forms the internal trading bloc. The think-tank believes leaving the EU does not mean quitting the EEA which extends the single market’s tariff-free trade in goods to countries such as Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

A legal challenge could result in Parliament being given the final say on EEA membership. A spokesman said: “There is no need for a hard Brexit and there is no mandate for a hard Brexit.” The group says voters did not decide to leave the trading arrangement when they backed Brexit in the referendum.